

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) As per a study commissioned by the Medical Council of India, the cost of medical education per student ranges from Rs. 74,000/- to Rs. 1.78 lakhs per annum at undergraduate level and Rs. 71,000/- to Rs. 1.46 lakhs per annum at postgraduate level in Government medical colleges. The fee being charged for these courses from the students is very nominal.

(c) The number of doctors gone abroad during the last 3 years is as under :

1993	5,989
1994	Figures not compiled
1995	Figures not compiled

(d) and (e) The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare has resolved that rural posting for a specific period be made compulsory and a pre-requisite before admission to postgraduate courses.

[English]

Double Passport

219. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some case of possession of double passport by Indians have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the total number of double passports found so far;

(c) whether any action has been taken against those people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Show cause notices are issued to the applicants holding double passports. In cases where violation of provisions of the Passport Act, 1967 has been established, passports have either been impounded or revoked under Section 10 (3) (b) of the said Act with an advice to the applicant to appeal to the Chief Passport Officer in case they seek restoration of passport facilities.

Cauvery Water Dispute

220. SHRI M. SELVARASU :
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fifth round of confabulations between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, which was held during the first week of January 1997 regarding sharing of Cauvery water, has again failed;

(b) whether there is a proposal for allocation of water on a percentage basis to facilitate the proportional distribution of water during a surplus or distress year;

(c) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard;

(d) whether Union Government propose to hold a meeting of the representatives of farmers of both the States to find an ultimate solution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No agreement could be reached between the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on the issue of sharing of Cauvery waters in the meeting held on 5th January, 1997 at Chennai.

(b) No such proposal has been received from the Governments of co-basin states.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The dispute is under adjudication with the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the basin States are participating in the proceedings of the Tribunal.

[Translation]

Effect of Pesticides on Pregnancy

221. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the pesticides are creating pregnancy related abnormalities among women;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present laws in regard to pesticides are strictly implemented in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) to (e) The import, manufacture and use of pesticides are regulated under Insecticides Act, 1968 and Preamble of this Act emphasises the need to prevent the risk on human beings, animals and matters connected therewith. Under Section 5 of the said Act, a Registration Committee has been constituted which *inter alia* registers pesticides for use

in the country, after satisfying itself regarding efficacy of the pesticides and their safety to human beings, animals etc. using experimental data submitted by the applicant on various parameters of toxicity, including the effect on reproductive teratogenicity etc., in order to ascertain the effect of pesticides on pregnancy. The details of the toxicity parameters each applicant is required to submit is attached as Statement.

Under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 framed under the PFA Act 1954 also the maximum tolerance limits of commonly used pesticides in various food articles have been prescribed. States and UTs Govts. have been requested to keep a vigil on the quality of food.

Statement

Parameters on which Toxicity data is required to be Submitted by the Applicant for Registration of Pesticides

1. Acute oral rat and mice
2. Acute Dermal
3. Acute Inhalation
4. Primary Skin Irritation
5. Irritation to mucus membrane
6. Subacute oral rat and dog
7. Subacute Dermal
8. Subacute Inhalation
9. Nemotoxicity
10. Synergism and Potentiation
11. Teratogenicity
12. Effect on reproduction
13. Carcinogenicity
14. Metabolism
15. Mutagenicity
16. Toxicity to birds
17. Toxicity to fish
18. Toxicity to honey bees
19. Toxicity to live stock
20. Medical data
21. Human toxicity information from foreign countries
22. Observations in Man (Health records of spray operators)
23. Health records of Industrial workers
24. Toxicity to live stock (field trials & observation)
25. International report on carcinogenicity & genotoxicity.

[English]

Regional Office of CWC at Calcutta

222. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since taken a decision for opening of a full-fledged Regional Office of Central Water Commission at Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been decided to locate the Office of the Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission at Siliguri in West Bengal.

ECB Guidelines

223. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to relax the External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) guidelines to benefit the roads and ports sector is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal, and the projects identified under this plan;

(c) whether the roads and ports sectors will be totally privatised with the proposed relaxation in the ECB guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details and rationale therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the proposal is under consideration, it is too early to indicate the details.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

By-pass in Karnal

224. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a plan to construct a By-pass on National Highway passing through Karnal in Haryana;